

ABSTRACT

Setting in advance an absorptance of a light L (for example laser light) of a brittle material W to be processed, an absorptance of a 5 plate-shaped sample S of the same material as the brittle material W to be processed is calculated using that set value of absorptance, a thickness of the tabular sample S when that sample S is irradiated by the light L having a same wavelength as that irradiated onto the brittle material, and based on this calculated value of absorptance, and the actual absorptance data 10 obtained by the actual irradiation of the light L on the sample S, a light wavelength that is selected appropriate for the absorptance of the brittle material to be processed is selected, and processing of the brittle material W is carried out using light of the selected wavelength.